

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A lighting unit comprising:

a housing having a rectangular bottom wall, wherein a locking projection that projects from said bottom wall is formed respectively at a pair of facing side edges of the housing;

a reflection sheet that has locking portions that lock with said locking projections;

a light guide plate that is laminated over said reflection sheet and has locking portions that lock with said locking projections; and

light sources deployed at both ends of said light guide plate;

~~and~~ wherein said locking projections are formed on the center line that connects the center points of those of said light guide plate's edges on which no light source is deployed,

wherein said locking projections are linear projections of a particular length that are parallel to the facing side edges,

wherein one of said locking projections is longer than the other, and

wherein the longitudinal center point of the shorter linear projection lies on said center line and the longitudinal center point of the longer linear projection lies in a position removed from said center line.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) A liquid crystal display comprising the lighting unit according to claim[[s]]  
1<sub>1</sub> further comprising a liquid crystal panel that is located on the irradiating surface side of said  
lighting unit.